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ABSTRACT

This book is a developmental and sequential program of activities designed for grades K-8 to: (1) build a base of awareness, understanding, and skills required for conflict prevention and resolution; (2) give students practice using a variety of strategies for managing and resolving conflict; (3) create opportunities for students to apply those strategies to real-life problems and conflicts; and (4) encourage students to transfer their learning to the resolution of issues and conflicts in the family, community, nation, and world. Thematic units begin with a brief introduction summarizing the outcomes targeted by the activities in the unit, and are followed by a section entitled, "Literature Connections," which lists the titles of thematically related children's literature. Units include, "Respecting Similarities and Differences," "Understanding and Controlling Feelings," "Communicating Effectively," "Cooperation and Teambuilding," "Strategies for Resolving Conflict," "Using the Tools of Conflict Resolution," and "Putting It All Together." Other chapters provide information on how to use the book most effectively and instructional strategies, including a focus on the use of the "Sharing Circle," a small group discussion process. Additional activities include role plays, discussions, experiments, simulations, and reproducible activity sheets. (JBJ)

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